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All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.

-- Article 1, Section 1, New Jersey State Constitution

Armed Militias Face Off with the 'Antifa' in the New Landscape of Political Protest

Mark Pitcavage of the Anti-Defamation League says the militia movement has created a conspiracy theory about the anti-fascist protesters, saying they're domestic terrorists backed by George Soros.

DAVE DAVIES, HOST of FRESH AIR:

The Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Va. that turned deadly attracted white separatists and neo-Nazis, counter-protesters - and men in camouflage, some carrying assault-style rifles. These were members of the American militia movement, who say they were there not to support white supremacists but as a third force to keep the peace between opposing sides and ensure the right of free speech.

Our guest, Mark Pitcavage, a senior researcher at the Center for Extremism at the Anti-Defamation League, says Trump's victory surprised the anti-government groups and sent them in search of a new target for their anger.

PITCAVAGE: The militia movement arose in 1994 in opposition to federal gun laws, the election of Bill Clinton, NAFTA and particularly deadly standoffs with federal law enforcement at Ruby Ridge, Idaho and Waco, Texas in the early 1990s. The militia movement is an anti-government extremist movement. It's part of a broader movement that's sometimes called the patriot movement, which also includes the sovereign citizen movement and the tax protest movement.

The foundational belief of the militia movement is a conspiracy theory that posits that the rest of the world has

essentially been taken over by a globalist tyrannical government often referred to as the New World Order. And our own government is actually collaborating with the New World Order to slowly strip us of our rights and freedoms, starting with our right to keep and bear arms because once we lose that, we won't be able to defend any of our rights. And once the American people are rendered defenseless, we too will be absorbed by and become slaves to the New World Order like the rest of the world.

DAVIES: What kinds of specific government intrusion do they seek to stop or prevent?

PITCAVAGE: Well, the militia movement has a heavy emphasis on guns. So particularly any sort of federal firearms regulation is something they really oppose. But they actually oppose most government regulations, most government intrusions of any that they might even notice. The most extreme version of this is their sister movement, the sovereign citizen movement, which basically rationalizes ignoring all laws, rules and regulations. The militia movement is not quite that extreme.

DAVIES: So give us a sense of the lay out of the militia movement.

PITCAVAGE: The militia movement really consists of three main segments today. The first are traditional militia groups, the paramilitary groups that run around in the woods with guns, stereotypically. The second segment of the militia movement, which started around 2008, is called the Three Percenters. And they may or may not form militia groups. They have the same ideology as the militia movement. Their name comes from a myth or a mistaken apprehension about the American Revolution, which was that only 3 percent of the colonists fought

against the British. Of course, they view themselves as the equivalent of modern day patriots fighting against the government. And the third segment is actually a very large group called the Oath Keepers. And they view it as their goal in particular to try and spread militia ideology among current and former military personnel, police and first responders.

DAVIES: And what oath or oaths do the Oath Keepers keep?

PITCAVAGE: They refer to the oath that they take to uphold the Constitution. And the premise of the Oath Keepers is a list of orders that they will refuse to obey should the government give them. And these orders all relate, in one way or another, back to New World Order conspiracy theories about disarming people and putting them in camps and so forth. [But] the orders are never actually going to be handed down that they will refuse to obey because those conspiracy theories are basically fantasy.

DAVIES: And do the Oath Keepers have weapons. Do they prepare for armed confrontation?

PITCAVAGE: Well, the Oath Keepers, even though they're a single group, are pretty loosely organized. And some groupings of Oath Keepers are sort of more like a local militia group while others are not. You know, the militia movement in general tends to view itself as defensive in nature. So they're not usually preparing to overthrow the government. They're usually preparing for the day when the New World Order finally steps in or when the federal government finally crosses some sort of red line.

DAVIES: To what extent have we seen violence propagated by members or former members of militias?

PITCAVAGE: The militia movement has a high association with violence since its earliest days in the mid-1990s. In fact, just this past week, there was a man indicted in Oklahoma, a Three Percenter, for allegedly plotting to blow up a building there. And several months back, there were three militia members arrested in Kansas for plotting to blow up an apartment complex that primarily housed Somali Americans, i.e. Muslims.

DAVIES: They seem to, at times, appear to provide what they call a security or a protection for someone who they perceive needs it like the military recruiting stations in Tennessee after there'd been an attack there [by a Muslim].

PITCAVAGE: Yes. This is something they occasionally do. The Oath Keepers also did this in Ferguson, Mo. following some of the unrest there. Because they are paramilitary groups, they often like to conceive themselves as being legitimate forces. Some even claim to be the true militia in the Constitution and in federal and state law, which is not actually true. But they will often volunteer to provide security at a county fair or a state fair.

DAVIES: It was fascinating to me that they decided to provide some, quote, "protection or security" to recruiting offices in Tennessee after there was an attack there because they're the anti-government group. It gets kind of weird, doesn't it?

PITCAVAGE: Well, it does, except that one of the secondary enemies of the militia movement in recent years has been Muslims. Although the militia movement is not white supremacist, it has, in recent years, become unambiguously anti-Muslim in nature.

DAVIES: And what have the militias' attitudes been towards white supremacist and neo-Nazi groups?

PITCAVAGE: It's a little complicated. There is some overlap between the militia movement and white supremacists, particularly through adherents of a racist and anti-Semitic religious sect called Christian Identity, which has a long history, and a lot of white supremacists have come from that.

But for the most part, from the founding of the militia movement to the present day, the militia movement has tried to distance itself from associations with or accusations of white supremacy. And there are some people of color within the militia movement. So they have tried to distance themselves.

DAVIES: So what do the militias do?

PITCAVAGE: In terms of their activities, you know, a lot involves

weapons or paramilitary training. They'll spend a lot of time, effort and money to accumulate all sorts of weapons and gear. And some of them are also survivalists too, so that could include food supplies and other survival gear.

They often fantasize about all sorts of ordnance, and military gear and vehicles. Some realities set in. First of all, a lot of that is prohibited. Automatic weapons are prohibited. Explosives are prohibited. Now, some will acquire those regardless, right? They'll break the law to get them. They will sometimes try to get vehicles, but vehicles get very expensive. There actually have been a couple extremist groups to buy some armored cars. You can actually buy them on the open market. They won't come armed, but you can always arm them yourself. But that's really expensive, and these people are not, by and large, rich. And they sank a lot of their money into simply buying regular weapons and gear.

DAVIES: How did militia groups respond to the election of Donald Trump?

PITCAVAGE: The militia movement surprised us because the militia movement started, instead, elevating the antifa [anti-fascist] to a new enemy for themselves. The antifa is a collection of groups, networks and individuals, mostly from the far left or from the anarchist movement, who sort of specialize in confronting white supremacists on the streets. When white supremacists, neo-Nazis, Ku Klux Klan hold public rallies, demonstrations, protests, these people will show up to counter protest, typically in much larger numbers. And some of them will actually physically confront the white supremacists and assault them.

But because the antifa came to the conclusion that the Trump campaign and the Trump presidency was racist in nature, they started protesting at Trump-related events and rallies too. This brought them to the attention of the militia movement, who sort of became aware of the antifa for the first time. And it was hate at first sight. This was a new enemy for them. And they very quickly picked up the banner against the antifa. In their minds, they call the antifa domestic terrorists.

And it's common to hear them claim that antifa are actually being trained in Syrian terror camps overseas. And furthermore, they don't see this as a grassroots movement. They see the antifa being orchestrated and funded by some sinister force.

Typically, George Soros, the liberal philanthropist, is pictured as sort of the puppet master of the antifa using them to help overthrow the Trump administration. So in their minds, they have really built the antifa up into this elaborate enemy worthy of combating.

DAVIES: Do they have any evidence to cite for this notion of antifa being trained elsewhere or being funded by George Soros or anybody else?

PITCAVAGE: No, there's no evidence for that at all. But, you know, the militia movement are past masters at coming up with elaborate conspiracy theories. And so this was just natural for them to do the same with the antifa.

-- WNYC radio, www.npr.org August 23, 2017

Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership Responds to Rise in Anti-Semitism

Official Statement:

"If anything should motivate you to learn about your precious American right to keep and bear arms and to use your freedom to arm yourself, the current dramatic rise in anti-Semitism is it. If you don't understand that, shame on you, and you deserve what you get. History is repeating itself. Wake up children. Get armed, get trained, don't become a victim. Yes, our position is more people properly armed. What is the anti-Semite's position?"

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"Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership, <http://www.jpfo.org> is America's most aggressive civil-rights organization, dedicated to destroying the notion of 'gun control' as any kind of credible public-policy position. So-called 'gun control' does not control guns and doesn't control criminal behavior. What it does do is disarm the innocent, leaving them helpless in the face of criminals, tyrannical governments and genocide. History repeatedly proves this fact. Founded in 1989 by Aaron Zelman as a response to the Holocaust, JPFO speaks with the moral authority and tenacious commitment of survivors of persecution, and knows that surrendering your personal and family safety to government protection courts disaster. You don't have to be Jewish to fight by our side, you just have to love liberty."-- JPFO press release August 22, 2017

Appeals court blocks DC's concealed-carry law on Second Amendment Grounds

A federal appeals court on Tuesday struck down a District of Columbia gun-control measure that the court said is essentially an outright ban in violation of the Second Amendment.

D.C. requires gun owners to have a "good reason" to obtain a concealed carry permit.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit struck down the regulation as too restrictive in a 2-1 decision. The Washington Post reported.

"The good-reason law is necessarily a total ban on most D.C. residents' right to carry a gun in the face of ordinary self-defense needs," Judge Thomas B. Griffith wrote, according to the paper.

"Bans on the ability of most citizens to exercise an enumerated right would have to flunk any judicial test."

The decision deals another legal blow to efforts by city officials to rewrite gun regulations since the Supreme Court declared a Second Amendment right to gun ownership in a 2008 D.C. gun case.

Right now, there are about 124 concealed handgun permit holders in D.C., John R. Lott, Jr. of the Crime Prevention Research Center told Fox News. "If D.C. were like the 42 right-to-carry states, they would have about 48,000 permits. Right now D.C. prevents the most vulnerable people, particularly poor blacks who live in high crime areas of D.C., from having any hope of getting a permit for protection."

The lone dissenter, Judge Karen Henderson, said the district's regulation "passes muster" because of the city's unique security challenges as the nation's capital and because it does not affect the right to keep a firearm at home.

City officials could ask all the judges on the circuit to rule on the matter, if they elect to appeal the decision. -- foxnews.com July 25, 2017

Sting operation defrauded DOD surplus program for police

July 25 (UPI) -- The Government Accountability Office has issued a report describing a sting operation that revealed serious flaws in the Defense Logistics Agency's Law Enforcement Support Office program for surplus controlled equipment.

The GAO formed a fictitious law enforcement agency and arranged for the transfer of \$1.2 million in controlled equipment from the Department of Defense, including night-vision goggles, M16A2 rifle simulators and dummy pipe bombs.

No lethal gear was transferred, though the GAO says that many of the items obtained could be converted into functional firearms and explosives using commercially available parts. Surplus military night-vision systems are considered sensitive items and are not available for the general public.

"They never did any verification, like visiting our 'location,'" director of the GAO team that ran the sting Zina Merritt said. "It was like getting stuff off eBay."

In response to the report, the DOD has pledged to tighten up verification procedures and conduct an audit of the program by April 2018. It acknowledged that this is not the first time unqualified agencies have participated in the program.

The Law Enforcement Support Office and the provision of surplus military equipment dates back to the Clinton Administration-era and 1033 program established in 1997.

Over \$6 billion in surplus equipment has been transferred to federal, state, and local agencies since 1991, including armored vehicles, weapons, surveillance gear, bomb disposal equipment, and riot control gear.

Arizona man gets 68 years in Bundy standoff case

LAS VEGAS — A federal judge sentenced a Phoenix man Wednesday to 68 years in prison for his role as a gunman in a standoff that stopped federal agents from rounding up cattle near the Nevada ranch of anti-government activist Cliven Bundy three years ago.

Gregory Burleson was convicted of threatening and assaulting a federal officer, obstruction and traveling across state lines in aid of extortion.

Chief U.S. District Judge Gloria Navarro knocked five years off, noting that the 53-year-old Burleson has gone blind, has serious health issues and was once an informant for the FBI.

Bundy is a states' rights advocate and a leading figure in a decades-long fight by ranchers and others who maintain the federal government has no authority over vast

stretches of public lands in the western United States.

Burleson was not working for the FBI when he called for Arizona militia members to go with him to the Bundy ranch.

The confrontation pitted heavily armed federal agents at the gates of corrals where several hundred Bundy cattle had been rounded up, against men with assault rifles on an Interstate 15 overpass and hundreds of protesters in a dry riverbed below.

Defense attorney Jackson characterized Burleson as "mesmerized by his fame" after a photo was widely circulated showing him "holding a rifle in sort of a combat pose."

Bundy, his sons Ammon and Ryan, and two other defendants are due for trial later this year. Six others, are slated for trial next year.—July 27, 2017

Psychologists behind CIA interrogation tactics deny torture allegations

The ACLU has sued James E. Mitchell and John "Bruce" Jessen of Washington state on behalf of three former CIA prisoners, including one who died.

The pair's attorneys filed documents this week in which Mitchell and Jessen acknowledge using waterboarding, loud music, confinement, slapping and other harsh methods but deny that they were torture.

In the new documents, the psychologists acknowledged:

— They placed a detainee in coffin-like boxes and used facial slaps, abdominal slaps and facial grabs when asking him about terrorist operations planned against the United States.

— Mitchell recommended a detainee who was withholding information not be provided with any amenities, his sleep be disrupted and that loud noise be fed into his cell.

— Waterboarding a detainee.

Mitchell and Jessen founded a Spokane-based company in 2005 that won a contract with the CIA to create the enhanced interrogation program, with the government paying it \$81 million over several years, according to federal reports.

The lawsuit says the psychologists devised a program that drew from 1960s experiments involving dogs and a theory called "learned helplessness." The lawsuit accused the two of endorsing and teaching torture tactics under the guise of science.

The ACLU says that Gul Rahman was interrogated at a CIA-run prison in Afghanistan known as "the Salt Pit" and subjected to isolation, darkness and extreme cold water. He was later found dead of hypothermia.

The other two prisoners, Suleiman Abdullah Salim and Mohamed Ahmed Ben Soud, were never charged with crimes and are now free.

The veil of secrecy surrounding CIA interrogations dropped away when the summary of a scathing Senate report on the program was released two years ago. That report said the interrogation techniques — including sleep deprivation, waterboarding and beatings — had inflicted pain on al-Qaida prisoners far beyond the legal limits and did not yield lifesaving intelligence. --
www.chicagotribune June 22, 2017

I'm a College Student and I Support Campus Carry. Here's Why

By Caitlin O'Shei

The notion that college students, adults in the eyes of the law in every other way, are too childish or irresponsible to be allowed to exercise their constitutional right to bear arms is insulting. Why is a college campus any different than a movie theatre, restaurant, or office? Why would a college student not be afforded the same rights as a peer of the same age who is not attending college? **Not allowing college students with a state issued conceal carry permit exercise their right to self-defense while on campus is illogical, and the knee jerk emotional arguments of opponents of campus carry do not stand up to scrutiny.**

Opponents of campus carry often reference the higher rates of drinking in college as a reason to disarm students. This argument is flawed on multiple levels. First, carrying while under the influence is already illegal. Our system should not deprive people of their rights because they belong to a group of people the government thinks is more likely to commit a crime, especially considering concealed carry permit holders have been proven to be significantly more law abiding than the average citizen. Second, drinking often occurs at parties off campus, which a campus carry ban has no impact on. Third, college students who go through the requirements to obtain a concealed carry permit understand the great responsibility that comes with carrying

a gun and will act accordingly. **Of the over 150 schools that allow concealed carry on campus, not one has experienced a single resulting act of violence or suicide for the past 20 years by a permittee. Clearly concealed carry does not make campuses less safe.**

People who are unfamiliar with guns often claim that allowing students to carry would have a negative impact on free speech and the learning environment. This is ludicrous for three major reasons. First, by definition concealed carry is just that, concealed. It is folly to believe a firearm that nobody is aware of could have an impact on the culture of a classroom.

Second, any student that is willing to threaten or commit violence in a classroom is not going to care if they are technically allowed to carry or not. Our collective experience with concealed carry over the past three decades shows that while criminals almost always illegally carry guns, legal permit holders are actually far less likely to commit crimes than the average person.

It is not reasonable to restrict a constitutional right to spare others feelings. It is the responsibility of the gun owner to make sure that the gun is safe, not that everyone around them feels safe. The same people willing to restrict student's rights to carry based on others' feelings would lose their minds if a university decided Muslim students could not exercise their freedom of religion and pray on campus because it made others feel unsafe. As a society we have largely decided that rights are not subject to the whims of majority emotion, why should the second amendment be any different?

In light of mass shootings on college campuses, it is completely immoral to force students to remain vulnerable to attack. Shootings like the one at Virginia Tech show that a deranged individual can take many innocent lives before the police arrive. Armed college students can react to the threat of a mass shooter immediately and potentially save themselves and others. Furthermore, prohibiting campus carry does nothing to stop a shooter intent on murder, it only condemns others to helpless victimhood.

Sexual assault on campus has been a subject of much debate lately. More and more cases have come to light which show administrations cannot properly defend their students against sexual assault. As a result, many administrations have implemented

programs such as police call boxes and courses which teach about consent. However, without allowing women to exercise their right to self-defense, these programs are empty and ineffective. Sitting around talking about consent will do nothing to stop a true sexual predator. Police escorts and emergency call buttons cannot stop all assaults. Furthermore, these efforts only aim to protect, rather than empower women. If we truly want to combat the threat of sexual assault on college campuses, we must stop asking women to choose between being an easy target and risking expulsion.

Our society should not be allowed to cherry-pick which parts of adulthood young people will be "allowed" to participate in, while simultaneously infantilizing them and undermining their autonomy. If a college student is considered enough of an adult to pay taxes, start a family, vote, and even die for their country; then they are enough of an adult to exercise their constitutional rights.

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-- <https://medium.com/@NRA Jul 24>

Engineer gets into 'locked' smart gun with magnets in simple hack

By Phoebe Weston For Mailonline

If smart weapons are ever going to work it seems they will need to be smarter than this gun which can be unlocked using magnets from Amazon.

The German manufacturers of the \$1,500 Armatix IP1 smart gun claimed it would 'usher in a new era of gun safety' as it would only fire in the presence of a special watch.

However, a hacker has shown the device can easily be unlocked using \$15 magnets or a \$20 transmitter device.

The idea is that the gun will not fire if it is more than a few inches from the watch, according to a report by Wired.

However a hacker who goes under the pseudonym Plore has showed in a Colorado firing range that he can make the smart gun fire without the security watch anywhere near it.

Plore was also able to jam the device's radio signals so the owner could not fire the gun even with the watch present.

By placing \$15 magnets by the barrel of the gun he could bypass the security watch.

Plore also showed it was possible to hack the gun's radio-based safety mechanism.

When the user squeezes the trigger it sends out a signal to check the watch is there.

However, Plore used a radio device to intercept the signal and relay it to the watch which could be up to 12 feet away.

As well as allowing the gun to fire when held by someone else, Plore also used radio signals to make the weapon completely useless.

From ten feet away a \$20 transmitter device could emit radio waves that jam the gun - regardless of how close it is to the user's gun.

According to Plore, a phone could trigger this to happen.

'The iP1 system had been designed to increase the safety when using the weapon. It had been focused on suppressing the ability to shoot, when a third person (e.g. a child) accesses the weapon in the heat of the moment and tries to use it', a Armatix spokesperson told MailOnline.

'There was never the demand to avoid the usage by a well prepared attacker or a skilled hacker.'

'I do not think that you have appropriate magnets with you when you act in the heat of the moment.'

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Trump targets Congress' own health care plans after ObamaCare repeal falls flat

By Brooke Singman

President Trump has issued an ultimatum to Congress: Figure out a way forward on health care, or lose a valuable insurance carve-out for you and your staff. The benefit allows part of their ObamaCare premium costs to be covered by taxpayers.

His threat to end the benefit could grab lawmakers'.

"I think the president would be absolutely within his rights to cancel the Obama rule that conferred this subsidy on Congress," Rep. Ron DeSantis, R-Fla., said.

The carve-out itself dates back to 2013.

Under the Obama administration, the Office of Personnel Management decided to grant what is often described as an exemption under the Affordable Care Act allowing lawmakers and their staff to keep getting a government subsidy for health care.

This required a special OPM decision to categorize Congress as a small business, allowing lawmakers

and their aides to get government payments as an employer contribution through the exchange. Absent that, they would have been directed onto the individual exchange which prohibits an employer contribution.

DeSantis, who introduced legislation in January to end these exemptions, referred to the rules that apply to small businesses with 50 employees or less. Congress, by contrast, employs over 20,000.

"Other Americans who are in these exchanges are not getting employer subsidies—it's illegal and yet somehow Congress gets a work-around," DeSantis said.

But in a tweet storm on Saturday, Democratic Connecticut Sen. Chris Murphy slammed Trump for his "threat."

"This is a clear threat to Congress: pass my health bill or as punishment I will end health care for you, your staff, & your constituents," Murphy tweeted.

Last week, 40 leaders of conservative groups wrote the president a letter, urging him "expeditiously" to end the "scheme."

"This fraud of instructing Congress to masquerade as a small business was the key to the scheme, because if members of Congress and their staff had signed up for ObamaCare under the individual exchange—as any other American losing employer coverage has to—they would have had to pay their own premiums," the letter stated, telling Trump he has "the power to end the scheme by directing OPM to rescind the Obama rule."

White House Director of Legislative Affairs Marc Short said this policy is a "perfect example of the swamp-like atmosphere in D.C." -- FoxNews July 31, 2017

Hard Numbers on the War in Afghanistan

By Mike Ludwig

About **104,000 people** have been killed as a result of armed conflict in Afghanistan since 2001. More than **31,000 were civilians**, according to the Costs of War project at Brown University.

There are currently an estimated **8,400 US troops** stationed in Afghanistan. Reports indicate that Pres. Trump will send **4,000 additional troops**.

There have been **2,394 US military casualties** as a result of the war in Afghanistan.

Congress has committed more than **\$800 billion** directly to the war in Afghanistan since it began in 2001, but when the price tag of medical services for wounded veterans are factored in, that number easily tops **\$1 trillion**.

By 2014, the US had incurred **\$453 billion** in interest on money borrowed to pay for the wars. Unless Congress changes the way the US pays for war, interest costs will add **\$7.9 trillion** to the national debt by 2053, an amount that dwarfs the original costs of the all the wars combined, according to the Brown University team.

About **\$110 billion** has been allocated to humanitarian relief and reconstruction in Afghanistan since 2001. A 2015 report found that the formal Afghan private sector only accounts for **10 to 12 percent** of the nation's economy, with much of the rest coming from international and US aid or the black market.

Earlier this year the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction found that the number of Afghan pupils studying in US-funded schools is **70 percent** lower than officials reported....

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Palantir: The 'Special Ops' Tech Giant Wields as Much Power as Google

By Jacques Peritti

In *Minority Report*, the 2002 movie adaptation of the Philip K Dick novel, Tom Cruise plays a police officer in the LAPD "pre-crime" unit. Using the premonitions of sentient mutants called "pre-cogs", the police are able to predict when someone is going to commit a crime before it happens, arresting them before they can do anything. Their "crime" is that they merely thought about it.

Palantir, the CIA-backed startup founded in 2004 by billionaire Peter Thiel, is *Minority Report* come true. It is all-powerful, yet no one knows it even exists. Palantir does not have an office, it has a "SCIF" on a back street in Palo Alto, California. SCIF stands for "sensitive compartmentalised information facility". Palantir says its building "must be built to be resistant to attempts to access the information within. The network must be 'airgapped' from the public internet to prevent information leakage."

Palantir's defence systems include advanced biometrics and walls impenetrable to radio waves, phone

signal or internet. Its data storage is blockchain: it cannot be accessed by merely sophisticated hacking, it requires digital pass codes held by dozens of independent parties, whose identities are themselves protected by blockchain.

A palantir is a "seeing stone" in JRR Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings*; a dark orb used by Saruman to be able to see in darkness or blinding light. "Palantir" means "one that sees from afar."

Palantir watches everything you do and predicts what you will do next in order to stop it. As of 2013, its client list included the CIA, the FBI, the NSA, the Centre for Disease Control, the Marine Corps, the Air Force, Special Operations Command, West Point and the IRS. In-Q-Tel, the CIA's venture arm, was an early investor.

Palantir tracks everyone from potential terrorist suspects to corporate fraudsters (Bernie Madoff was imprisoned with the help of Palantir), child traffickers and "subversives". But it is all done using prediction.

In Iraq, the Pentagon used Palantir software to track patterns in roadside bomb deployment.

Palantir allowed the Marines to upload DNA samples from remote locations and tap into information gathered from years of collecting fingerprints and DNA evidence, the results returned almost immediately.

Samuel Reading – a former Marine who has worked in Afghanistan for NEK Advanced Securities Group, a US military contractor – has said: "It's the combination of every analytical tool you could ever dream of. You will know every single bad guy in your area."

Palantir's other arm, Palantir Metropolis, provides the analytical tools for hedge funds, banks and financial services firms to outsmart each other.

Palantir does not just provide the Pentagon with a machine for global surveillance and the data-efficient fighting of war, it runs Wall Street, too. Palantir is exactly what it says it is: a giant digital eye like Saruman's seeing stone in *The Lord of the Rings*.

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Is Google Working with Liberal Groups to Snuff Our Conservative Websites?

If you thought that the government would censor free speech, you were wrong: Google and their Technocrat cronies will utterly destroy it. Remember, Google's internal culture of progressive hypocrisy and censorship is guaranteed to spill over to public censorship of the same nature. - TN Editor

By Paula Bolyardis

Google revealed in a blog post that it is now using machine learning to document "hate crimes and events" in America. They've partnered with liberal groups like ProPublica, BuzzFeed News, and the Southern Poverty Law Center to make information about "hate events" easily accessible to journalists. And now, there are troubling signs that this tool could be used to ferret out writers and websites that run afoul of the progressive orthodoxy.

In the announcement, Simon Rogers, data editor of Google News Labs, wrote: *Now, with ProPublica, we are launching a new machine learning tool to help journalists covering hate news leverage this data in their reporting.*

The Documenting Hate News Index — built by the Google News Lab, data visualization studio Pitch Interactive and ProPublica — takes a raw feed of Google News articles from the past six months and uses the Google Cloud Natural Language API to create a visual tool to help reporters find news happening across the country. It's a constantly-updating snapshot of data from this year, one which is valuable as a starting point to reporting on this area of news.

The Documenting Hate project launched in response to the lack of national data on hate crimes. While the FBI is required by law to collect data about hate crimes, the data is incomplete because local jurisdictions aren't required to report incidents up to the federal government.

On the surface, this looks rather innocuous. It's presented by Google as an attempt to create a database of hate crimes — information that should be available with a quick Google search, it should be noted. But a quick glance at the list of partners for this project should raise some red flags

The ProPublica-led coalition includes The Google News Lab, Univision News, the New York Times, WNYC, BuzzFeed News, First Draft, Meedan, New America Media, The Root, Latino USA, The Advocate, 100 Days in Appalachia and Ushahidi. The coalition is also working with civil-rights groups such as the Southern Poverty Law Center, and schools such as the University of Miami School of Communications.

ProPublica poses as a middle-of-the-road non-profit journalistic operation, but in reality, it's funded by a stable of uber-liberal donors, including George Soros's Open Society Foundations and Herb and Marion Sandler, billionaire former mortgage bankers whose Golden West Financial Corp. allegedly targeted subprime borrowers with "pick-a-pay" mortgages that led to toxic assets that were blamed for the collapse of Wachovia. The Southern Poverty Law Center, of course, is infamous for targeting legitimate conservatives groups, branding them as "hate groups" because they refuse to walk in lockstep with the progressive agenda. And it goes without saying that The New York Times and BuzzFeed News lean left.

ProPublica vows to diligently track "hate incidents" in the coming months. "Everyday people — not just avowed 'white nationalists' — **intimidate, harass, humiliate** and even harm their fellow Americans because of the color of their skin, how they worship or who they love." [Emphasis added] Note that they're not just focusing on hate "crimes."

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